

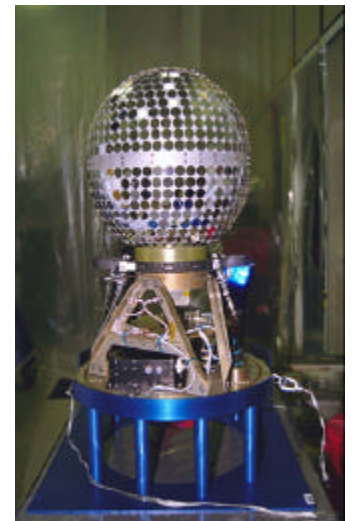
Thursday, April 29, 1999

Discovery being prepared for launch – payloads to be installed in orbiter payload bay



Asian-American Month recognized with luncheon at O&C

▲ **The SPACEHAB module is scheduled to be installed** in Discovery's payload bay on Thursday, April 29. Other payloads and experiments scheduled to fly on mission STS-96 are STARSHINE (Student Tracked Atmospheric Research Satellite for Heuristic International Networking Equipment), a student-led experiment (photo at right); and a Shuttle Vibration Forces (SVF) Experiment. Also being installed in the payload bay is the International Cargo Carrier (ICC) which will hold the SPACEHAB Oceanering Space System Box (SHOSS), a logistics items carrier that will carry items to be used during STS-96 and future ISS assembly flights; the ORU Transfer Device (OTD), a U.S.-built crane that will be stowed on Unity for use during future ISS assembly missions; and the Russian-built crane, Strela.



◆ **Reminder:** The Asian Pacific Islander Working Group (APIWG) luncheon is being held 11:30 a.m., Friday, May 7, at the O&C building, mission briefing room. The menu of sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, bean curd, egg rolls and kungfu beef costs \$7.50 per person. The guest speaker is Lita Abril Martija, editor of Orient magazine. Entertainment will be provided by the 30-member Fil-Am SDAU Ensemble. For tickets, on sale through next Wednesday, May 5, please call Kenny Aguilar, 867-2307; Marina Harris, 867-2468; Rupert Lee, 867-1403; Paula Nosca, 867-0745; or Christopher Chan, 730-5547.

◆ **Phone Lines Test Error-Free for Y2K --** BellSouth and AT&T say Y2K testing of their respective network systems has been 100 percent successful. The telecom companies modeled the public switched network in a series of five test labs and verified the error-free performance of wireline local and long distance, wireless, 911, international, toll free, operator-assisted and credit card calling. The testing is said to provide a high degree of confidence that AT&T interconnections with other regional Bell operating companies will also ring true in the new year.

◆ **Did You Know?** KSC Fitness Centers are offering a new Friends for Fitness program to help you get motivated and stay motivated. The Friends for Fitness program begins **May 3**. For details, stop by either fitness center (O&C and OSB), or call 867-7829 or 861-3028.

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